



fought not in the open battlefield but within the deepest structures of thought, perception, and fear. Let us crack open their husks and lay bare the circuitry within.

Source 1: Layton and the Doctrine of Algorithmic Supremacy

Layton's *Fighting Artificial Intelligence Battles: Operational Concepts for Future AI-Enabled Wars* seeks to frame AI as the inevitable centerpiece of future warfare—both a battlefield agent and a strategic overlord. But in doing so, Layton falls into the **eternal fallacy of techno-military messianism**:

1. **The AI is coming, and we must prepare!**—a tired refrain that justifies every surveillance apparatus, every black-budget AI project, and every defense contract siphoning public wealth into the war machine.
2. **Victory belongs to the most adaptable, the most integrated, the most optimized!**—which, in military terms, translates to a **pathological obsession with control** rather than the embrace of strategic chaos.
3. **Human intuition must be enhanced, supplemented, guided by the machine!**—which, of course, conveniently **replaces human agency with**

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